

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**OFSTED FOCUSED VISIT TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES - FEEDBACK**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To report on the outcome of Ofsted's focused visit to children's services in Sunderland.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 On 24 and 25 March 2021, Ofsted undertook a focused visit to children's services in Sunderland.
- 2.2 The Ofsted letter summarising the findings of the visit was published on 11 May 2021. A copy of the letter is attached for information.

**3. Current Position**

- 3.1 Jill Colbert (Chief Executive of Together for Children) will be in attendance to report on the feedback.

**4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is requested to consider and comment on the report.

**5 Background Papers**

Ofsted Focused Letter to Children's Services in Sunderland (11 May 2021)